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Request for
Continued Examination
(RCE) Transmittal

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| Application Number | 10/524,154 |
| Filing Date | February 11, 2005 |
| First Named Inventor | Johann Natterer |
| Art Unit | 3721 |
| Examiner Name | Paul R. Durand |
| Attorney Docket Number | 07-2216 (2852/5) |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply Preliminary Amendment iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s) iv. Other Applicant requests non-entry of
Amendment of 10/1/07.

2. **Miscellaneous**

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for

a. a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
b. Other _____

3. **Fees**

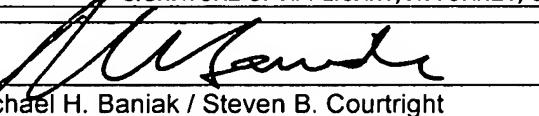
The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayments to

a. Deposit Account No. 13-2490 . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e): \$810 (Large Entity)
ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) \$930 (\$1,050 (3-month fee) less \$120 (1-month fee paid 10/1/07) = \$930 enclosed)
iii. Other Any deficiencies in enclosed fees. (1-month extension fee was submitted 10/1/07.)
b. Checks in the amount of \$ 810 and \$ 930 enclosed
c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

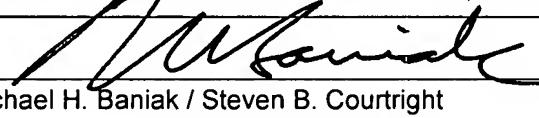
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Signature |  | Date <u>11/27/07</u> November 27, 2007 |
| Name (Print/Type) | Michael H. Baniak / Steven B. Courtright | Registration No. 30,608 |

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

I hereby certify that I directed that the correspondence identified above be deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

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| Signature |  | |
| Name (Print/Type) | Michael H. Baniak / Steven B. Courtright | Date November 27, 2007 |